

Air Force Civil Engineer Center Environmental Legislative, Regulatory and Technical Support Division

About Us Enabling the Mission

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC) Environmental Directorate is headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. The Directorate's mission is executed by subject matter experts and program managers in various fields and specialties related to the environment including regulatory compliance, environmental restoration, hazardous waste management, pollution prevention, and environmental assessments with support from the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps, Operations and International Law, Environmental Law, and Litigation Division (AF/JAOE).

We Engage, We Advocate, We Partner, and We Facilitate.

- Monitor and engage in state legislation and rulemaking
- Build and communicate Air Force and Department of War (DoW) positions on issues important to DoW sustainability
- Develop and maintain partnership with regulatory agencies and other stakeholders
- Educate state and federal agency officials on the military's operational and environmental needs, priorities and concerns

The Legislative, Regulatory and Technical Support Division (AFCEC/CZP) performs legislative review, regulatory monitoring, outreach, and partnering to enable our mission. AFCEC/CZP protects the military's ability to prepare U.S. service men and women to defend our country by working cooperatively with state governments and federal agencies on environmentally-related issues to ensure continued access for mission planning, execution, and training on land, air, and sea.

Regional Partnerships

AFCEC/CZP is divided into the Eastern (AFCEC/CZPE) and Western (AFCEC/CZPW) branches. AFCEC/CZPE covers the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regions 1-6 while AFCEC/CZPW covers EPA regions 7-10.

AFCEC/CZP orchestrates two regional environmental restoration summits (West and East) every year to enhance collaboration and communication with state and federal regulatory partners. These annual summits provide opportunity for Air Force leadership to engage with senior regulatory personnel to discuss policy, goals, funding, acquisition strategy, emerging contaminants, and other program updates that would be of interest to regulatory partners. To continue the collaboration from the summits and to address environmental compliance/sustainability issues, AFCEC/CZP also coordinates smaller regional meetings with the states and EPA regions throughout the year.



Our Service Benefits

- Develop and coordinate a single Air Force and/or DoW position on proposed legislation and regulations
- Ensure compliance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 4715.02, *Regional Environmental Coordination*
- Help installations resolve regulatory issues at the lowest level possible
- Work proactively with state representatives and officials to build partnerships and awareness of actions that could benefit or impact the military mission
- Assist DoW installations to identify opportunities to reduce the number of enforcement actions and Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) classification
- Partner with Government and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Stakeholders
- Provide strategic regional perspectives to leadership and policymakers at Headquarters



Our Directive

DoD Instruction 4715.02, *Regional Environmental Coordination*, directs the DoW to have a DoW Regional Environmental Coordinator (REC) for each of the 10 EPA Regions to serve as single point of contact for all services in that region. DoDI 4715.02 also directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide the DoW REC for EPA regions 2, 6 and 10. AFCEC/CZP has the responsibility to coordinate the DoW Regional Environmental Coordination program with the Office of the Secretary of War (OSW) and other DoW components. The Air Force has designated a DoW Component REC for all ten regions to coordinate environmental and environmentally-related matters in support of mission sustainment with the DoW RECs.



Our Key Stakeholders

Office of the Secretary of War
DoW and Service Component RECs
Air Force Major Commands (MAJCOMs)
Air Force Active & Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Force Installations
Air Force Reserves & Air National Guard
State and Local Legislative Offices & Regulatory Agencies
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Aviation Administration
United States Fish & Wildlife Service
United States Forest Service
National Marine Fisheries Service
National Park Service
Bureau of Land Management
Other Federal Agencies
Native American Tribes



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Important Links:

AFCEC Environmental: <http://www.afcec.af.mil/Home/Environment/>

Latest PFAS Info: <https://www.afcec.af.mil/WhatWeDo/Environment/Perfluorinated-Compounds/>

